

Pharmaceutical Services – Potomac Center
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Vendors' Questions Post Pre-Bid Conference:

- Q. How many deliveries has the center been receiving from the pharmacy per week? I fully understand the treatment changes would require deliveries but simply trying to get a feel for how often a delivery is currently being made.
- A. Deliveries are made about 5 - 6 times per week.
- Q. The bid pages are accepting five (5) numbers past the decimal point. I am unable to locate anything in the bid stating how many numbers (digits) past the decimal point we are to enter. Please clarify as this was one of the issues stated in the rejection letter I was provided from the first bid.
- A. There is no minimum decimal to be entered. The bid pages allow up to five numbers past the decimal, but does not require you to use five. The bid pages are programmed to round up to two decimals. When figures are being checked as long as the number can be matched it doesn't matter how many decimals you placed. In the prior procurement, many of the numbers did not equal the number entered.
- Q. The actual invoices do not show a price per tablet. The unit price on the actual invoice is the price per bottle. There are all sizes of bottles and you must calculate the price to determine the price per pill.
- A. Exactly, so a \$5 bottle of aspirin that holds 1,000 pills would be $5/100 = .005$. In this example, you see that you don't need five numbers after the decimal. The answer is going to be .005 no matter what.
- Q. If we provide the wholesaler screen which shows the unit price as the price per pill, the wholesaler extends the price out four numbers (digits) past the decimal point. In order to have these items match we would need to place four numbers past the decimal point. Therefore, a clarification is being requested.
- A. Once again, you can add up to five numbers. As long as the math works out, we are okay with it.

- Q. Actual invoices show price per unit as price per bottle. If this is the only item provided, you would have to calculate the price per tablet. To match your calculation, how many digits past the decimal point are we to provide. If you request only two digits past the decimal point are we to round up from 5 and above and round down from 4 and below?
- A. In the prior procurement, the vendor was instructed to only use two decimals, which as not done, and therefore, caused a problem - the bid pages were not completed according to instructions. In this IFB, there is no decimal requirement so you can, therefore, use as many or as little as you like. The spreadsheet, however, will round your entry up to two decimals.
- Q. The wholesaler screen shows price per unit as price per pill, but extends four numbers (digits) past the decimal point. If we do not enter four digits past the decimal point the bid page will not match this information.
- A. Enter four.
- Q. The current bid pages extend five digits past the decimal point.
- A. That allows you to go up to five, if necessary, but not past five.
- Q. Previous bid was rejected for extending the numbers and miscalculations.
- A. In the prior procurement, one of the requirements was to round up to two numbers past the decimal. That is no longer the case in this IFB. The math errors were simply that - errors. Efforts to match the number didn't work out.
- Q. To prevent this occurrence, providing the wholesaler information that shows price per pill and entering this number on the bid page would alleviate any discrepancies.
- A. You can enter whatever number as long as the math can be done to make the invoice and your entry match.